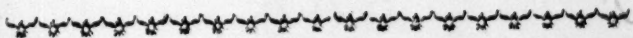


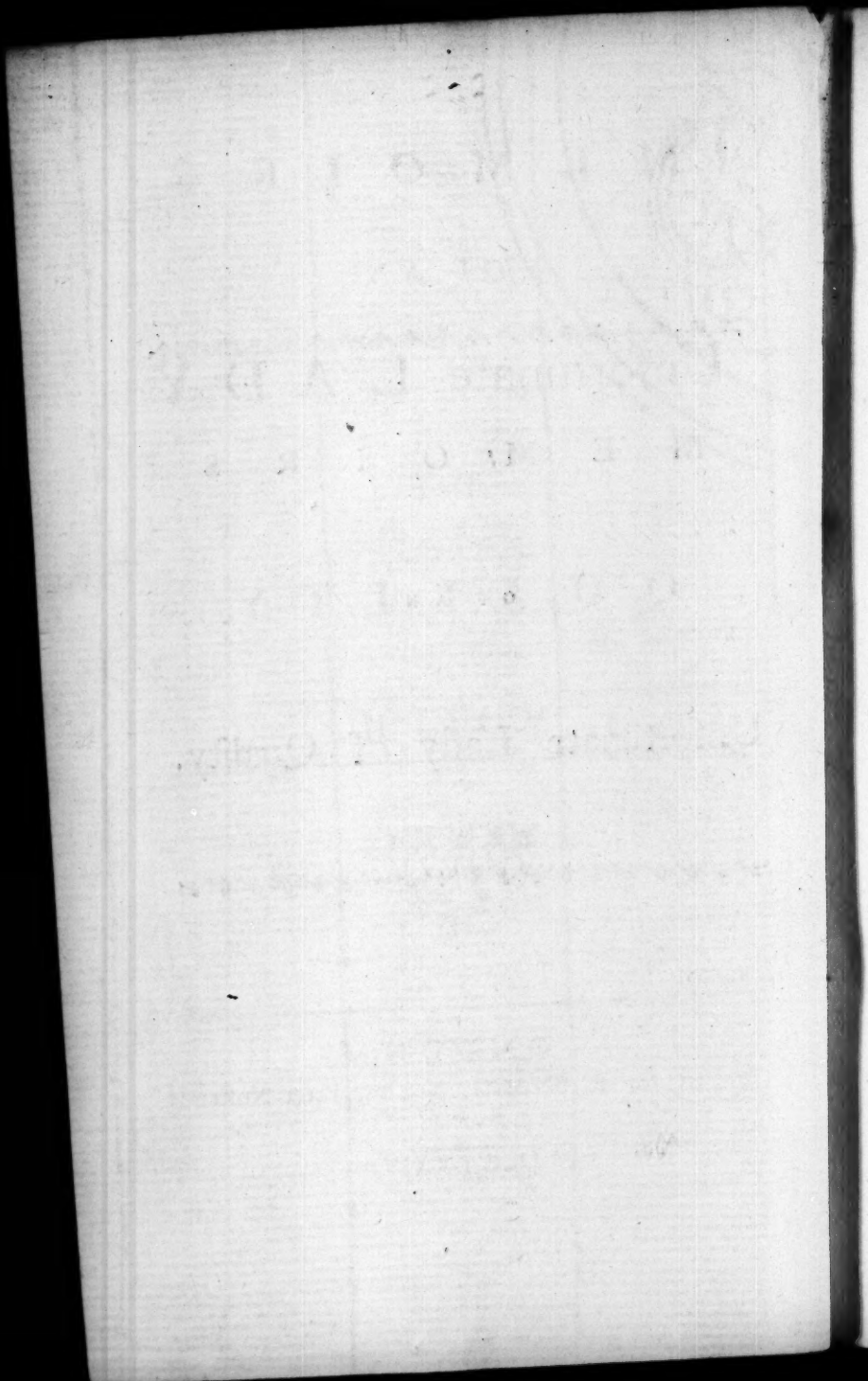


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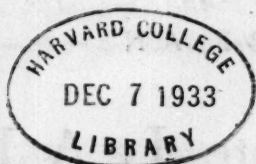
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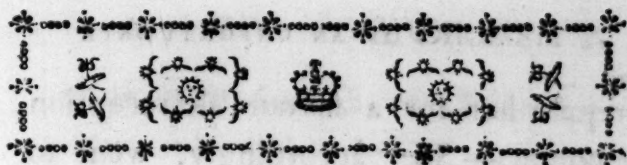
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B O O K III.

RS. Murdoch, imagining
M that Mr. Bruce would be
too much affected at the
first sight of his daughter,
in her fallen state, persuaded him to let
her make a previous visit ; in order to

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prepare her for a favourable reception at home. — She, accordingly, went to Mrs. Macdonald's house, fully expecting to find Miss Bruce there; but was greatly disappointed, at being told that she and the major, set out early in the morning from thence, without saying whither they were going. —

Miss Monroe, not being acquainted with the connections between the major, and her aunt; supposed that she would immediately, upon being informed of her discoveries, applaud the steps she intended to take, in order to communicate them to Mr. Bruce; she did applaud them with her lips, but as soon as her niece was gone to visit, Mrs. Murdoch gave notice to the major of the scheme which

which was formed to interrupt his pleasurable residence at her house.—

Mrs. Murdoch, went back very much chagrined at her disappointment, and was the more vexed at her unsuccessful little excursion, as she was afraid that her poor neighbour, already most heavily afflicted, would be almost driven to distraction at her return to him.— The account of her fruitless expedition, met with the reception she expected — Mr. Bruce, was beyond expression shocked at it; and as he could not possibly learn, by the strictest enquiries to what place of concealment the major had conveyed his daughter, he fell into a melancholy, dejected way; shut himself up from society, and could scarce be prevailed on by the servants who attended him, to take suffi-

cient nourishment for the preservation of his existence.

The major, after the information which he had received from Mrs. Macdonald, concerning the motions of Miss Monroe, rode off with his fair companion to a little village, near D— castle, and took mean lodgings; hoping from the obscurity of the place to secure, at least, a private retreat.—

From his new lodging, the major made frequent sallies to the castle, where he was always well received by the duke, who knew nothing of his attachment to Miss Bruce; or would probably have looked upon him in a less advantageous light.

Miss

Miss Bruce, as she had been so long the reigning favourite, was intimately acquainted with the duke's disposition, and the tempers of his domestics: she therefore gave her lover instructions how to work upon the whole family; by the help of those instructions, he in a short time wormed himself into the duke's favour to such a degree that he consulted him upon almost every occasion, and made himself so agreeable to the servants, that they became alienated from their master, and ready to move at his direction.—

He thought himself particularly happy, in gaining Maggie over to his interest, who had formerly connived with Miss Bruce, in imposing upon the credulity of the duke, and who afterwards in a fit of resentment caused her dismissal, because she was a girl remarkably clever,

and promised to be signally serviceable to him.

The major, had just made himself of so much consequence at the castle ; when the duke received the letter from Paris, which informed him of the birth of his two nephews, the contents of which letter he read to his privy counsellor, and at the conclusion of it; told him that he would make a handsome provision for them, if they lived.

When the major had repeated the contents of Sir David's letter to the duke, to Miss Bruce, and the duke's subsequent declaration; she paused for a few moments, and then, as if awaked from a reverie, said, " Cannot we contrive
" by some method, to make the duke
" believe

“ believe that Sir David and lady Elea-
 “ nor are not married, and that conse-
 “ quently his nephews are illegitimate?
 “ Of his credulity he has given proofs
 “ sufficient to animate our endeavours,
 “ and if those endeavours are crowned
 “ with success, we shall both be amply
 “ revenged for having been disappoint-
 “ ed; you by the indifference of lady
 “ Eleanor, and I by the neglect of Sir
 “ David.—The duke proud of the
 “ honour of his house, will strongly re-
 “ sent the slightest disgrace to it, and
 “ make these who have, in his opinion,
 “ thrown a slur upon his family, feel the
 “ weight of his resentment.—Lady Elea-
 “ nor, by his indulgence, enjoys at pre-
 “ sent a pension of five hundred a year--
 “ that pension, you may be assured,
 “ will be immediately withdrawn, when”

“ he is convinced that it is no longer
 “ deserved.—How to bring about a di-
 “ minution of the finances of Sir David,
 “ I leave to your mature deliberation
 “ and ingenious brain, fertile in expe-
 “ dients.”——

To this speech of Miss Bruce's, the
 major listened with the stillest attention,
 and when she stopped, he cried out in a
 transport; clasping her in his arms,—
 “ Thou art an excellent girl, Chrissy,
 “ and I love you more than ever, for
 “ having struck out such admirable
 “ hints.—Yes, Chrissy, I will certainly
 “ try to improve upon them, and I hope,
 “ that by joining our wits together, we
 “ shall effectually disturb their felicity
 “ who grossly affronted us by their uni-
 “ on.”

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From that moment, they employed their talents with indefatigable industry to irritate the duke against his sister; to blast her reputation, and to bastardize her children. The employment of their talents, for such wicked purposes will be perhaps deemed by some humane and benevolent people, too extraordinary to be credited; and those will, doubtless pronounce the major and Miss Bruce unnatural characters:—I should be very glad to say with truth that such characters never existed.—

It would take up too much of the time, and too much tire the patience of my readers, I fear, to enumerate all the little arts, mean shifts and low stratagems to which the major and Miss Bruce, had recourse, in order to forward their iniquitous

tous designs. I shall therefore only inform them, at once, that those arts, shifts and stratagems were but too successful: for the duke, thoroughly satisfied with the positive evidence against his sister, dispatched a stinging letter immediately to Paris; in the first fury of his resentment, in which he struck off the pension which he had allowed her, loaded her with injurious epithets, and renounced all farther connections with her, as she had, by the infamy of her conduct, so shamefully disgraced her family.

I shall now leave the major and Miss Bruce, (in whose breast all filial sensations were by this time deadened, by feelings of another kind,) to enjoy the exultation of their hearts, on the success which their nefarious designs had met with, and
return

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return to lady Eleanor and Sir David, after a long digression; which will not, however, I trust, be deemed an unnecessary excrescence in this work, as the former couple were so deeply concerned in disturbing the repose, and distracting the affairs of the latter.—

Not in the least doubting, but that an affectionate answer would come from D—castle, to the letter which acquainted the duke with the births of his nephews, as he had expressed himself in so kind a manner, on being informed of their marriage. Lady Eleanor and Sir David arrived at Aix-la-Chapelle, in very good spirits, after a pleasant journey, and had the satisfaction to find Mrs. Weddeburn's health much improved, by the remedies which

which she had there taken for the restoration of it.—

When they had been a few weeks there, during which, they spent the time in the most agreeable manner to themselves, as they met several of their common friends, and were perfectly easy in their own minds; they began to grow extremely desirous to see their children,—Not that they were under any apprehensions about them—They received frequent accounts from Mrs. Elphinstone relating to them, which were all favourable ones; but spurred on by parental affection they could not any longer live happily, so far removed from their sight.

Mrs. Weddeburn, not being well enough to leave the apartments which she occupied

occupied, they left her behind; but promised to correspond with her, and not to quit Paris without giving her advice of their motions: hoping, indeed, that they should have no reason to quit it, till she returned, that they might again travel in a party.

At Paris, they arrived full of pleasing emotions, as they approximated to their old quarters, and were as happy as two people could possibly be at the sight of their children, who appeared to have been thoroughly taken care of in their absence; for no children ever looked in a more thriving condition. —

They were a little damped in the midst of their parental transports, by not having heard from D— castle, but a refusal

perusal of the duke's congratulating epistle upon their union prevented them from being very much disquieted by his silence.

One morning, when lady Eleanor was sitting at work with Mrs. Elphinstone, a letter was brought to her, which made her eyes sparkle with joy, and animated her whole countenance: the alteration in which was the more remarkable, as she had just been with an anxious seriousness in her features, wishing to hear from D—castle. — “ Oh! madam,” said she with a spirited accent, as soon as she saw the superscription, “ here's a letter from my “ brother at last.” —

As lady Eleanor, appeared so rejoiced at the arrival of it, Mrs. Elphinstone sincerely felicitated her upon the occasion; but
her

her felicitation was premature, for lady Eleanor while she read it, changed colour and seemed to be under very great uneasiness.

Mrs. Elphinstone, perceiving therefore, so affecting a change in her looks, begged with all the tender earnestness of friendship to know what dreadful news had so distressed her. —

“The worst, madam,” replied she,
 “that I could have received--- some
 “busy, base, officious people, about the
 “duke have poisoned his ears with false-
 “hoods against me, and have made him
 “believe that I am the vilest of women.--
 “That I am---gracious H---n,” continu-
 ed she, lifting up her tearful eyes, with
 the letter in her clasped hands, “support
 “me

“ me under this severe affliction, and enable me to vindicate my character from the scandalous aspersions of my enemies, who have, wantonly and unprovoked, eadeavoured to blacken it.”—

“ Who, my dear lady Eleanor,” said Mrs. Elphinstone, shocked at her unhappy situation, “ who has been so barbarous, so unjust as to attempt to cast a slur on that character which the baleful breath of detraction never dared to fully before”

“ Oh ! madam,” replied lady Eleanor, “ I know not by whom my brother has been incensed against me ! but incensed he certainly is to a violent degree ; for he has not only deprived me of the pension which I enjoyed by his generosity, but has disclaimed all connections

" tions with me, and throw men off as a
 " disgrace to the house of D——. He
 " desires, that he may never see me
 " again, and by so doing is determined
 " not to give me an opportunity to
 " clear myself—Cruel, cruel brother!
 " yet why do I call him cruel, he is
 " not naturally so: no man is of a more
 " humane disposition; but his credulity
 " has frequently led him to listen to the
 " most erroneous, injurious reports, as if
 " they were incontestible truths—He
 " has been imposed upon, grossly im-
 " posed upon, by persons uncommonly
 " artful and insinuating; for I do not
 " think, injured as I am, that he would
 " have easily been prevailed on to sus-
 " pect me of having co-habited with Sir
 " David in a dishonourable way—Oh!

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" Mrs.

“ Mrs. Elphinstone, to lie under such a
“ suspicion cuts me to the heart.”

While she was thus venting her grief, and with an amiable candour attributing the severe treatment which she had received from the duke, to the superior cunning of her enemies, and not to an aptitude in *him* to give credit to *their* accusations; Sir David, who had been with Mr. Elphinstone to visit one of their countrymen lately arrived; returned, and upon coming into the parlour, in which he had left her working with her friend, was exceedingly astonished to see her, in so much sorrow—but concluding, that either Arthur, or Reginald, or both, had met with some terrible disaster, or had been taken dangerously ill, he, in the first place enquired after them, with the
utmost

utmost eagerness, and with all the solicitude of a fond parent.

“ What mean these mournful looks, these moving tears, my sweetest life ?” said he to her, running up to the chair, from which she arose at his precipitate approach, “ Are the children well ; has nothing happened to them—where are they—let me see them—you only weep—you cannot speak—nay, then, I am sure that—

Lady Eleanor overpowered by the acuteness of her sensations, would have fallen against her chair, if Sir David had not supported her ; finding therefore, that she was ready to faint, he gently replaced her in it, and with the assistance of Mrs. Elphinstone prevented her from be-

ing quite in a state of insensibility.---After having been repeatedly pressed with the most affectionate importunity, as Mrs. Elphinstone had told him, that his children were both well, to acquaint him with the cause of her sighs and tears, she looked at him with the most melting tenderness, and put the duke's letter into his hands.---“ There, my amiable husband,” said she, “ read that, and then you will no longer wonder to behold me so violently agitated.”

“ Ha ! from the duke,” cried he, “ What can this mean,” he was soon delivered from his suspense ; but his surprize was not lessened by the perusal of it.---“ This is all mystery and amazement,” cried he, “ Surely, here
“ is

“ is another forgery, the same person
 “ who counterfeited *my* hand with so
 “ much dexterity, has, I am willing to
 “ suppose, counterfeited the duke’s ; for
 “ after the letter which we received
 “ from him, to congratulate us upon
 “ our marriage, I don’t know how to
 “ think, that he would have written in
 “ so very different a style.”

“ Ah, do not flatter yourself,” said
 Lady Eleanor, raising up her head from
 the languid posture in which it remained,
 while he made his remarks upon the
 contents of the letter, “ Do not flatter
 “ yourself, by imagining that my bro-
 “ ther’s hand has been forged.---The
 “ letter was undoubtedly written by
 “ himself ; but you may be assured that
 “ the same person who would have ob-

“fructed our union, by representing
 “you in a dishonourable light to him,
 “has again attempted to irritate him a-
 “gainst us, and has, unfortunately for
 “us succeeded.”

“Succeeded!--Oh, lady Eleanor, how
 “strangely credulous must your brother
 “be, to give credit to every scandalous
 “report, injurious to so amiable a sister,
 “and to a person who never gave him
 “any reason to suspect the integrity of
 “his intentions, without allowing him-
 “self time to enquire into the truth of
 “it.---How much have we already suf-
 “fered by his credulity; how much
 “more uneasiness, perhaps, are we
 “doomed to endure from his unaccount-
 “able confidence in those who are pain-
 “ed at our mutual felicity.---But some-
 “thing

“ thing should be done without delay.---
 “ The duke should not be suffered to
 “ continue under the influence of so
 “ gross an imposition; we must imme-
 “ diately prepare to defeat the malice
 “ of our enemies, by proving our mar-
 “ riage, since they have artfully made
 “ him question the legality of our union,
 “ and act as if he was certain that we
 “ were guilty of the heavy charge against
 “ us; the hastiness with which the
 “ duke condemned *me*, in opposition to
 “ the strongest proof which he could re-
 “ ceive of my innocence, your own de-
 “ claration, with regard to the letter
 “ which was malevolently thrown in his
 “ way, gave me no advantageous idea of
 “ his understanding, but he has disco-
 “ vered more weakness, and credulity,
 “ by the calumny levelled at *you*, than I
 C 4 “ expected,

“ expected : I say weakness, because I
 “ am still willing to believe that he has
 “ not a bad heart——

“ You would wrong him if you
 “ thought otherwise—No, Sir David, I
 “ really believe that my brother is as
 “ good a man as ever lived, and that
 “ he would be glad, notwithstanding the
 “ furious resentment, expressed in his
 “ letter, to find my character clear-
 “ ed.”

“ I hope he would, my dearest crea-
 “ ture, and shall leave nothing undone,
 “ with the assistance of our friends, to
 “ convince him, that we have not in-
 “ jured the honour of his house.”

Towards

Towards the conclusion of the above conversation, Mrs. Elphinstone retired to the nursery, in order to make Sir David stir in the vindication of lady Eleanor's character, and of his own with the more zeal, by the sight of his children, not doubting but that the appearance of them would be an additional incitement.

When she had fondled the pretty little fellows for some moments, in a very maternal manner, she took Arthur in her arms, and ordered the maid to follow with Reginald.

She was not disappointed on her return. Sir David, at the appearance of his boys, felt all the father rushing in-
to his eyes, and could not help shedding
tears

tears, to think that they were probably destined to meet only with difficulties and discouragements, in a world so full of vice, folly and injustice.

When he had wiped away his tears, he looked tenderly at lady Eleanor, and said, "Can you, my love, my life, behold these innocent babes unmoved? Can you behold them without reflecting upon the wounds which your brother has inflicted upon *them* thro' us?—Oh! no!—You cannot, I see, bear so moving a sight, rendered more pitiable, a thousand times more pitiable, by such reflections.—Be not, however, too much cast down, thou dearest, best of wives; nor let the sensibility of the *mother* get the better of the pride, the virtuous

“ tuous pride of the *wife*.—But I need
 “ not, I am sure, talk to you in this
 “ strain: you have too much spirit to
 “ to sink tamely under the load of so
 “ false an imputation, and will there-
 “ fore, with me, doubly spurred by
 “ parental considerations, exert your
 “ utmost efforts to exculpate yourself
 “ from it: we will both exert ourselves
 “ with vigour, for we are both concern-
 “ ed in the impeachment.”

Lady Eleanor glowed with proper
 warmth during the delivery of the a-
 bove speech, and when the last word
 of it was uttered, replied, “ Yes, my
 “ dear Sir David, I am not destitute of
 “ that spirit, with which every woman
 “ in my aggrieved situation should be
 “ animated; the sight of these sweet
 “ innocents,”

“innocents,” continued she, pointing
 to her children, “renders me doubly
 “jealous of my honour, and I will
 “not, for their sakes, as well as for
 “my own, avow the justness of the
 “charge of it, by making no attempts to
 “prove its invalidity. To disabuse the
 “duke must be the first step we take,
 “and we cannot, I think, take that
 “step too soon: If we can afterwards
 “discover our enemies, and punish
 “them for their infamous aspersions,
 “our triumph will be complete.”

“You have spoken like yourself,
 “my dearest, and I applaud highly
 “the noble sentiments, with which
 “your brother’s unkind, ungenerous,
 “unjust behaviour has inspired you.
 “We cannot, certainly, endeavour
 “too

“ too soon to frustrate the designs of
 “ those who have, with matchless ma-
 “ lice, availed themselves of the duke’s
 “ credulity, to make two persons, who
 “ never, I will venture to say, never
 “ intentionally injured them in any
 “ shape.—Unhappily, for the peace of
 “ society, there are some restless beings
 “ in the world of so perverse a disposi-
 “ tion, that they enjoy no sort of de-
 “ light but when they are scattering
 “ the seeds of dissention in families,
 “ and feasting their ears with the me-
 “ lancholy sounds of domestic distress.
 “ By some beings of this depraved com-
 “ plexion have we been marked out for
 “ their cruel sport; but the blow which
 “ they have levelled at us, will, I
 “ trust, by the gracious interposition
 “ of heaven, recoil upon themselves.

Sir

Sir David having consulted Mr. Elphinstone, how to proceed with the greatest probability of recovering the duke's good opinion, and consequently of being, together with Lady Eleanor, reinstated into his favour, proposed to write a full answer to the aspersions contained in the duke's passionate sheet, and to destroy them entirely, by recommending him to the worthy clergyman who had united him to his sister: but Mr. Elphinstone, prudently conceiving that the people who had imposed upon the duke were near his person, and masters of all the avenues to it, objected to his trusting the vindication of his conduct by the post, as his dispatches would certainly be intercepted.

Sir

Sir David immediately saw the propriety of his friend's objection, and then asked him, what he thought of his going himself, with all possible expedition, to D— Castle. To that proposal Mr. Elphinstone could not give his consent, as he might be assured of a repulse, being too well known, upon his first appearance before it.—“ Neither of
 “ your schemes, my dear Sir David,
 “ seem to be calculated according to my
 “ notion of the situation of your af-
 “ fairs, to procure the wished-for suc-
 “ cess:--but I have struck upon a third,
 “ which will, I dare say, produce a-
 “ greeable consequences---I, who do
 “ not visit at the Castle, and, who am
 “ hardly known, personally, to the
 “ duke, have a better chance than
 “ you, to be admitted—I will, there-
 “ fore,

Sir

“ fore, in the first place, furnish my-
 “ self with a certificate of your mar-
 “ riage from Mr. Drummond, and then
 “ undertake to convince your noble
 “ brother how much he has been de-
 “ ceived: and if I find, either my
 “ arguments in your favour too weak,
 “ or my rhetoric insufficient, I will
 “ deliver my paper proof, and pour
 “ in the light of truth upon his dark-
 “ ened mind.”

“ Generous Elphinstone!” said Sir
 David, “ you was ever of a most friendly
 “ disposition, and ever interested your-
 “ self in *my* happiness; but this new,
 “ this striking mark of your friendship
 “ for me, raises you considerably in
 “ my esteem: if I live, I will be grate-
 “ ful: whether your endeavours on my
 “ account,

“ account are successful or not, you
 “ will be equally entitled to my gra-
 “ titude. Lady Eleanor too, when
 “ she is informed of your very kind in-
 “ tentions, will not, I am sure, be
 “ sparing of her sincerest acknowledg-
 “ ments—Amiable woman! my heart
 “ bleeds within me, when I think how
 “ much she suffers for her attachment
 “ to me: but I will do all in my power
 “ to alleviate her affliction, and rely on
 “ the justness of our cause, for an happy
 “ termination to it.”

Sir David, then went to Lady Eleanor,
 and acquainted her with Mr. Elphin-
 stone's extremely generous and prudent
 proposal; to which she readily acceded,
 after having expressed her obligations to
 that gentleman, in the strongest terms,

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for

for offering to undertake so friendly an office—" But," continued she, smiling at Mrs. Elphinstone who sat by her, " I am afraid, that you will not forgive me for assenting so freely to your good husband's long absence from you; as a trip from Paris to Edinburgh cannot be performed in a short time; but as he is going upon the most humane errand, and upon my account, you will, I dare say, endure your temporary widowhood without repining: of this you may be assured, we shall try to make your hours steal away unperceived till his arrival again."

Mrs. Elphinstone, very glad to find that her husband's proposal had given a turn to Lady Eleanor's spirits, and had illuminated her countenance with
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the cheering rays of hope: replied, in her usual good-humoured style of speaking, "that dearly as she loved Mr. Elphinstone, she could without reluctance part with him upon so extraordinary an occasion, and as he only left her with a view to be serviceable to a lady, for whom she ever had, for whom she ever should, have, the sincerest esteem."

As Mr. Elphinstone, just at that moment, entered the room, Lady Eleanor told him, that his wife was the best woman in the world, and that it hurt her very much to consent to their separation, "But she is so obliging as to say, that she can part with you without reluctance, as you leave her in order to be serviceable to ME."

“ I love her the better,” replied he,
 “ for having so great a regard for your
 “ ladyship, and will hasten to shew my
 “ my own.

As Mr. Elphinstone was not only a thorough well-bred, but a thorough well-meaning man, and did not deal in frothy compliments, those few words were entirely satisfactory.

Preparations for Mr. Elphinstone's departure being soon finished, he set out for Calais, accompanid by Mrs. Elphinstone and Sir David, after having received lady Eleanor's warmest wishes for a safe voyage and subsequent journey, and for success in his friendly negotiations.

Mrs.

Mrs. Elphinstone kept up her spirits tolerably, and behaved with a becoming fortitude, till she saw the vessel, on which her husband was embarked, under sail; she could then support the heroine no longer: the tender wife took entire possession of her: she grew fearful for his safety, and wished herself on board with him—Sir David said, and did all in his power to comfort her, and to restore her chearfulness, by dispelling her fears, while they were rowed back to the place from whence they were carried to the packet-boat, but in vain: his efforts were ineffectual; his endeavours were fruitless; and she landed in so unhappy a condition, that he was afraid of her making herself ill, by the indulgence of her grief.

When they came to the apartments which they had taken at Calais; she, with an earnestness which he could not resist, tho' he longed to make a quick return to lady Eleanor, intreated him to stay with her there, 'till they had heard of the Packet's safe arrival at Dover.

He complied with her request, tho' inclination revolted against the compliance, and told her, that he certainly would not leave her to travel by herself.

It was in the dusk of the evening, when Sir David reconducted Mrs. Elphinstone to her apartments.—He ordered a supper, but she could not taste a bit of the provisions which covered the table. To increase her uneasiness, just
as

as she was retiring to her chamber, the wind blew with such violence, that she felt the house shake while she ascended the stairs.

To say, that she did not close her eyes all night, is not to express her feelings with sufficient strength of language: she started with horror at every blast which roared loudly in her ears, and worked herself into such a terrifying state of mind, that the servants who attended her, apprehended the overthrow of her reason. They tried to render her composed, by assuring her, that tho' the wind was so high, and made such a noise, it was not high enough to endanger the shipping, and that it was favourable for the packet to England; but her discomposure remained in spite of

all their attempts to remove it; and she, overpowered by her timidity, dashed the cup of consolation from her lips.

From the agony of her mind, from her repugnance to all kinds of nourishment, and from the want of her accustomed rest, Mrs. Elphinstone became so very much disordered before morning, that the servants thought proper to acquaint Sir David with her alarming condition, and ventured to tell him, at the same time, that she would, probably, if not speedily relieved, fall into a dangerous way.

Sir David, not imagining that her tears would have thrown her into so deplorable a situation, was shocked at the intelligence which he heard, and hurried

hurried to procure the best advice which Calais afforded.

Having been recommended by the mistress of the house to a very skilful and careful apothecary in the next street, who had for many years attended her family with success, he went immediately to him, and begged him, with as much earnestness as if his own life was in danger, to use all his medical art to promote the recovery of a valuable lady of his acquaintance.

Monf. Dufort, assured Sir David, that he would take as much care of the indisposed lady, as if she was nearly related to himself, and followed him, without delay, to Mrs. Jamineau's.

Sir

Sir David, leaving Mons. Dufort below, went up to inform Mrs. Elphinstone of the steps which he had taken on her account, that the sudden appearance of one of the faculty, might not induce her to suppose that her case was deemed desperate by him.

Sir David's caution was prudent and quite necessary, for as soon as she heard that an apothecary was in the house, she declared, with an affrighting wildness in her looks, that no physic would be of any service to her.—The elemental storm was over ; but the tempest in her mind raged with redoubled fury. A shipwreck, with all its most distressful consequences, was pictured in such lively colours to her imagination, that she frequently shrieked and cried,
 “ There

“ There---There ---- All’s lost --- every
 “ creature’s perished---Oh! H---n!
 “ I shall never, never see him again;
 “ Gone for ever:---gone:--buried in
 “ the deep.”

At last, however, when she had uttered several delirious speeches, a flood of tears greatly contributed to produce a calmness in her countenance.—Sir David, seized those favourable moments, in order to urge the necessity of her taking something under the direction of Mons. Dufort.—Moved by his repeated and earnest intreaties, she consented to take whatever was thought to be necessary in her situation; but added with a mournful sigh, “ No physic, Sir David, “ will remove the pain which I at this “ instant feel, which I shall, I fear long
 feel

“ feel: not to be described and hardly
 “ to be endured.”—

The medicine, however, which *Monf. Dufort* administered, proved very serviceable, it threw her into a fine slumber, from which she waked with an improvement in her looks, that made *Sir David* entertain an advantageous opinion of the apothecary's judgment.

While she was growing better by the prescriptions of *Monf. Dufort*, who as well as *Sir David*, and every body in the house, assured her that the storm which had alarmed her so much, would have been only reckoned a fresh gale at sea, and that the vessels sailing between *Calais* and *Dover* were very rarely lost: the packet which had carried *Mr.*
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Elphinstone over returned, and brought a letter from him, which excited new ideas and new sensations, in her, and gave Sir David room, to hope that she would be soon able to bear the motion of a carriage, for he was heartily sick of his quarters, and impatiently wished to be at Paris again; so forcible were his conjugal and parental emotions.

While he was anxiously wishing to see his dear lady Eleanor, she, with not less anxiety sighed for his company, having met with an adventure during his absence, which rendered her situation extremely disagreeable without him.

Soon after Sir David's departure with his friends, Miss Selkirk came to intreat her to go with her to the Italian opera, in

in the evening, as her mamma was laid up with one of her outrageous head-achs; and as there was a particular female singer to perform in it, who had received prodigious applause for her voice, execution and taste.

Lady Eleanor at first declined going: pleaded want of spirits, to enjoy the amusement of the night, and said that she should be a very stupid companion: but she pleaded want of spirits, and stupidity to no purpose: Miss Selkirk with an agreeable good-natured importunity, which was irresistible, told her, that she would be quite another thing when she was surrounded by gay people, and listening to sweet sounds.—

Miss Selkirk, being excessively fond
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of music, delivered herself with such warmth of language upon the occasion, that lady Eleanor could not help bursting into a laugh at her: when she had called her features to order, she replied, “ Well, Kitty, you are too powerful an advocate for musical expression, and so very persuasive a petitioner, that I know not how to send you home with a refusal.

Lady Eleanor went, accordingly, with Miss Selkirk, because she was not willing to disappoint her, but she never spent a more unsatisfactory evening in her life. The exhibitions of the theatre would indeed have given her a great deal of pleasure, as the opera was a masterly composition, and as the several performers sustained their parts with much propriety,

ty ; if a lively young Englishman, with more silver than sense about him, happening to be placed near her, had not prevented her from sitting at her ease, and from attending to the operations of the stage ; for having taken a violent fancy to her figure, and whole appearance, he pestered her with his impertinence to such a degree, that she wished herself, a thousand times out of the house ; she was the more embarrassed with his insipid prattle, because Miss Selkirk was engaged with an agreeable Scotch gentleman, who paid his addresses to her, with her father's approbation ; and who met her there by appointment ; so that she could not possibly shake off her tormentor. Without being absolutely rude, she dropped the broadest hints, to let him know how extremely disgusting his conversation

tion and behaviour were to her; but he, with the supreme self-sufficiency of a finished coxcomb, thoroughly satisfied with his own powers of charming, received all her polite rebuffs, as so many oblique overtures to familiarity; and as his vanity led him to put a wrong construction upon the repelling modesty of her carriage, his assurance increased in proportion to her reserve, and at length arose to so insolent a pitch, that she could not help saying to him, with a *smile* in her countenance, which was not natural to her; but which she threw into it, in hopes of abashing him. “Your deport-
 “ment, Sir, is a reproach to your dress,
 “and you have given the strongest proofs
 “by the former, that you are not entitled
 “either by birth or education to the
 “latter--if you was really a gentleman,
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“ you would take care to *act*, as well as
 “ to *appear* like one.”

As lady Eleanor delivered those few sentences in a raised voice ; colonel Gornen, Miss Selkirk's lover ; who, upon her having pointed out a whimsical object at a distance, to him, was exploring it with his glass ; turned hastily about, and asked her ladyship who dared to be troublesome to her.

Lady Eleanor, though she had been so grossly affronted, not chusing to have a duel fought on her account : only replied, “ No-body will dare to be so, I believe, colonel, while you are ready
 “ to protect me.”

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She said no more; but she had said enough to make the colonel burn with impatience to know who had extorted the foregoing sharp words from her; which had diverted his attention from the object, on which it had been employed. The compliment paid to his courage, agreeably flattered him; but he was not contented with her endeavouring to screen the person who had offended her, from his resentment. "You are too mild," said he, "but I have a pretty good eye at a scoundrel, and shall certainly find him out." Looking then fixedly at the tinfelled coxcomb who sat behind her, as if he had fastened upon him by instinct; he said to him, with a menacing tone, "I will not suffer this lady, (removing his eyes to lady Eleanor) to be insulted by any man."

The coxcomb, intimidated by so threatening a speech, from a military man, of an athletic make, and ferocious aspect, had no inclination by an answer, to own himself the person to whom it was addressed: taking his snuff-box, therefore, out of his pocket, he drummed upon it a few moments with his fingers, throwing his eyes into various directions; and then, after having applied a pinch to his nose, cried *Bravo*, while the audience were clapping the graceful exit, of a principal performer, with as much unconcern, as if he had given no disturbance to the little circle around him: and as the colonel frequently faced about, to dart a significant look at him; lady Eleanor, was not molested either by his nonsense or impertinence,

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during the the remainder of the evening.

The impertinent gentleman above-mentioned, was a Mr. Brampton, who had a few years before, inherited a large fortune by the death of his father, and was spending that fortune like a fool, which his father had amassed like a knave. He was not quite two and twenty; but having, very early in life, discovered a strong propensity to all the vices which can disgrace humanity, he made so good, or rather so bad a use of his time, that few young fellows of his standing could boast of being more infamous. He was never happy, but when he was concerned in scenes of riot and debauchery, and presuming upon his person and his purse, no woman whom he pitched

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upon, for his amorous amusements, could possibly refuse, he thought, to grant him the last favour. He was a coward, but, he had a great deal of low cunning, and as he had been prevented by the colonel's ferocity, from pursuing the game, which he had started in public, he was determined to have recourse to stratagem, and enjoy it in private.

In consequence of that determination, he watched the departure of lady Eleanor and her companion with great vigilance, and soon discovered, that the former had a right to the title which the colonel bestowed upon her; but, the discovery did not damp his ardour, so egregious was his vanity; when he found afterwards how she was situated, his ardour was increased. Sir David's absence, was in
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his opinion; so very favourable a circumstance, that he proceeded directly to concert measures, for the accomplishment of his wishes.

Flushed with hope, and flattered with self consequence, Mr. Brāampton employed his servant, who was a useful fellow upon such occasions, to facilitate his admission into lady Eleanor's chamber, on the following night, by corrupting the woman of the house, in which she lodged: and his *louis d'ors* proved so efficacious, that the mercenary landlady promised to forward his designs, if he would come disguised to her in the evening, like a peasant, and pretend to be a relation of her's just arrived from one of the provinces.

Brampton delighted with Mrs. Detour's ingenious contrivance; equipped himself with great pleasure, in his masquerade dress; in which he was so compleatly disguised, that nobody but Mrs. Detour herself, who was prepared for his visit to her, knew him.

Brampton was a little disconcerted, on his arrival, to find that the colonel, who had so much intimidated him, the preceeding evening, at the Opera, was at supper, with other company, in lady Eleanor's apartment; fired, however, by expectation, he repaired to his place of concealment: a large closet in lady Eleanor's chamber, but unoccupied by her; as Mrs. Detour always reserved it, for her own particular use.

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With the utmost impatience did the closeted coxcomb, wait for the entrance of *her*, in whose eyes he expected to be irresistible, when he threw off his provincial disguise, and exhibited all his personal charms, with which her pride would not, he thought, permit her to appear captivated in public.—Vain people, are never at a loss for comfort, under the disappointments which their vanity receives, and Brampton was, perhaps the vainest of his sex.

When he had waited till the clock struck twelve; he heard the door opened with particular pleasure, and with increased pleasure, perceived, thro' a chink, lady Eleanor herself, following a servant who carried her candle; and who, when
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she had placed it upon her dressing table, left the room.

Lady Eleanor, then taking a sheet of paper out of her cabinet, began to write upon it ; but soon afterwards upon hearing a noise, which seemed to issue from the closet, she stopped, and advancing towards it, was so thoroughly persuaded that somebody was secreted in it, that she went down immediately ; and having acquainted her friends with her apprehensions, sent for the landlady, and insisted upon her going with her to examine the closet.

Mrs. Detour, without shewing the least embarrassment, told her, that it was very much infested with rats, and that she never opened it to satisfy the curiosity

riosity of any of her lodgers, as the few things, which it contained, were only for her own private inspection.

Lady Eleanor, however, declaring in a firm and peremptory tone, that she would not sleep in the house till *her* curiosity was satisfied; Mrs. Detour changed countenance, and looked in the utmost confusion. The colonel, then, starting from his chair, swore that there was some foul play; and snatching up a candle from the table, told Mrs. Detour with a stern accent; that if she did not deliver the key of the closet immediately to him, he would open it by force.

Mrs. Detour, endeavouring to recover her presence of mind, and hoping to make the confusion into which lady Eleanor

Eleanor had thrown her, appear the result of her surprize, at being suspected of harbouring any improper people in her house ; replied with a pert vivacity, that she really could not pretend to find it, at a moment's warning, as it was looked up among an hundred other things ; because she seldom had any occasion for it, but that to oblige so good a lodger, she would look for it the next day.

“ O ho, madam,” said the colonel, “ why then we must proceed to business without it : I am for the time “ present.”—At the close of this laconic speech, he marched directly up stairs ; telling lady Eleanor, that he would soon inform her, who or what had alarmed her.

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As soon as he arrived at the closet, he attacked the door so violently, with his body and his feet, that he in a few moments demolished it.

At the sight of the colonel, Brampton fell upon his knees, and begged that he would not expose him.

“Expose you,” cried the colonel, laughing, to see him in so ridiculous a situation! “I cannot expose you, more than you have exposed yourself.—But come, Sir, get up, and follow me directly; lady Eleanor S——, is the person whom you have principally offended; to her, therefore, you must make your principal submissions.”

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He then went down stairs, laughing all the way, followed by Brampton, with very different sensations, as he had never felt himself in so contemptible condition before.

When the colonel entered the parlour; he found Mrs. Detour, at the feet of lady Eleanor, imploring her forgiveness for having connived at the secretion of a gentleman, in her bed-chamber.

The colonel, hearing the word gentleman, as he came into the room, said with a sneering tone, "No, no, Mrs. Detour, he is no gentleman, I assure you, but as sneaking an animal as ever existed: here he is lady Eleanor," continued he, addressing himself to her; "and I shall insist, upon his asking your
" pardon

“ pardon upon his knees, not only for
 “ his impertinent behaviour at the Opera
 “ to you, but for his impudence, in da-
 “ ring to form a design, against your
 “ virtue.”

When he had spoken these words; he ordered Brampton to humiliate himself, in the manner above mentioned : made him repeat after him, a very mortifying speech, to the utterance of which, no man of the least spirit, would ever have submitted, and then kicked him out of the house; telling him at the same time, that he deserved no genteeler correction.

Brampton, whose cowardice was equal to his folly, bore the degrading chastizement, which he received from the
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colonel, with great patience, and quitted the house with great pleasure ; but not without determining, like a true coward, to be revenged for the contempt with which he had been treated, on lady Eleanor's account.

When the colonel returned to the parlour, after the ignominious dismissal of Mr. Brampton—Lady Eleanor, expressed her acknowledgements to him, in the politest terms, for having corrected the coxcomb, in so proper a way.

The rest of the company, from whom she only retired to her chamber, in order to write a receipt for a young lady of Miss Selkirk's acquaintance, who was terribly afflicted with the whooping-cough, highly applauded the colonel's discipline

discipline, and while they staid, much mirth went round the room.

In the morning, lady Eleanor, being resolved not to sleep again in a house wherein she had been so grossly insulted, sent her servant to enquire after lodgings; and finding that she could be very well accomodated, in the next street; she discharged her little debts, to Mrs. Detour, severely reprimanding her, for her infamous conduct; and removed immediately to her new apartments.

In her new apartments, she was better accommodated, than she had been at Mrs. Detour's, and far more pleasantly situated: She was, therefore, not a little pleased, at her removal; wanting only the presence of Sir David, to be

thoroughly satisfied with it; for his conversation, tho' her friends were very kindly solicitous to accelerate the flight of time, by the frequency of their visits, and the various amusements, to which they invited her; she languished, and began to think, wearied with the anxiety of expectation, that he might have returned sooner, if he had met with no accident, upon the road; having with the utmost accuracy, calculated the distance between Paris and Calais, several times, did she wish to write to him, but not knowing, in what manner to form an *addresse*, she was obliged to relinquish her epistolary intentions, and comfort herself, by supposing, that if any extraordinary occurrence, had happened to detain him, he would have writ-

ten to her, as he knew that *his* letter would certainly come to her hands.

When she had for a few days, thus endeavoured to lessen the uneasiness, which she felt at the—according to her own sensations—*long* absence of Sir David; he, to her extreme joy, made his appearance one afternoon, with Mrs. Elphinstone, just, when she was taking her tea, with the Selkirk family, and colonel Gordon.

After a very tender scene, between Sir David, and lady Eleanor, and when both he and Mrs. Elphinstone, had received the compliments of their friends, upon their arrival, he said with a smile, “ My dear lady Eleanor, I am extremely rejoiced to see you again, tho’ you

“ have had a gallant, in my absence.—
 “ While we are at Paris, I must not be
 “ so unfashionable as to think of keep-
 “ ing you to myself.”

Lady Eleanor, not imagining, that he could possibly allude to the closet-scene at Mrs. Detour's, was strangely at a loss, to conceive the meaning of his speech; but as he uttered it, with a smile on his countenance, was happy to find, that he did not seriously believe her to have been guilty of any *indiscretions* while he was absent from her.—With a smile, therefore, in return, she replied, “ Why really, Sir David, my
 “ virtue has been in some danger, since
 “ your departure; but, this valorous
 “ knight,” continued she, pointing to
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the colonel, “ prevented the violation
“ of it, by his prowess.”

She then acquainted him with the impertinence, which she had received at the Opera, from Mr. Brampton, and the infamous contrivance of Mrs. Detour’s, to lock him up in her chamber ; desiring the colonel, to give an account of the discovery, and the dismissal : he immediately complied with her request ; and carried on the narrative with so much spirit and humour, that Sir David, was excessively diverted.

“ Well, colonel,” said he, “ you
“ have been an excellent champion, and
“ have treated a coward, according to
“ his deserts ; but I am not thoroughly
“ satisfied with your cavalier behaviour

“ to him; I shall not be quite easy, ’till
 “ I have exercised the foot discipline
 “ upon him myself.”

The colonel told him; that he wished
 to see no better diversion: “ but I must
 “ not,” I doubt, added he, “ expect
 “ to see you perform that exercise, up-
 “ on the puppy, who wanted to make
 “ you a compleat French husband, as
 “ he set out from Paris, the next day,
 “ lest he should, I suppose, be more
 “ severely handled, at your return.”—

“ Have a little patience, colonel,”
 said Sir David, “ and you shall see the
 “ wished for diversion.”

The colonel and all the company,
 particularly lady Eleanor, looked as if
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they could not tell what to make of Sir David's last speech; but he soon threw them out of their wondering attitudes, by proceeding in the following manner; addressing himself to the colonel.

“ Stopping to take fresh horses at
 “ R—, a young fellow smartly dressed,
 “ fed, but with a very impudent air,
 “ after having observed me for some
 “ time, from a window in an opposite
 “ room; sent his servant to let me know,
 “ that if I was not particularly engaged,
 “ he had something of consequence to communicate to me.—His
 “ person, I had never seen before, and
 “ the name, by which he was announced,
 “ was equally new to me: however,
 “ as I had some curiosity to hear
 “ what he had got to say to me, I re-

“ turned an answer, which soon brought
 “ him to me.—When the first civili-
 “ ties, common between gentlemen,
 “ were over, he told me, that as he
 “ found from his servant, that I was
 “ Sir David S—, he could not pursue
 “ his journey to Calais, in order to em-
 “ bark for England, without advising
 “ me to be watchful over lady Eleanor.
 “ Starting at a piece of advice, which
 “ seemed to reflect, strongly upon the
 “ character of lady Eleanor; I fired in-
 “ stantly, and intreated him to explain the
 “ meaning of these words---The mean-
 “ ing, Sir David is only this; in plain
 “ terms, replied he, perdy, your lady is
 “ not the constant turtle you take her to
 “ be. I had the honour to be in her
 “ bed-chamber last night, that’s all, Sir
 “ David, and so I wish you a good
 “ morning.---

“ He

" He was then posting towards the
 " door, but I seized him by the shoul-
 " der: stay, Sir, said I, and be not in
 " such a hurry to pursue your journey.
 " I then fastened the door, and thus ad-
 " dressed him. Lady Eleanor's charac-
 " ter, Sir, is not to be trifled with,
 " you must, therefore, either fight im-
 " mediately, or return with me to Pa-
 " ris, and ask her pardon, for having so
 " wantonly blackened her reputation.
 " Struck, with the peremptoriness of
 " my behaviour; he trembled from
 " head to foot, and frankly confessed
 " that lady Eleanor's character was un-
 " blemished, and that he had been pro-
 " voked by disappointment to inspire
 " me with jealousy. After that decla-
 " ration, he informed me, of the trans-
 " actions at Mrs. Detour's: and hoped

“ that, so honest a confession, would be
 “ deemed satisfactory by me.—Your
 “ confession, replied I, as it was extort-
 “ ed by fear, is not compleatly satisf-
 “ factory: you must return to Paris
 “ with me, and before lady Eleanor,
 “ whom you have so much injured; de-
 “ clare that you are a rascal and a cow-
 “ ard.—These stinging words, did not
 “ seem to sit well upon his stomach;
 “ but as I looked significantly at a
 “ brace of pistols, which lay on the ta-
 “ ble, he quickly consented to move
 “ under *my* direction, and is now wait-
 “ ing below.”

“ Is he!” said the colonel, with alert-
 ness, “ Then pray, Sir David, send for
 “ him, that I may have another kick
 “ at him.”

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“ He shall certainly appear,” replied Sir David, “ but I beg, that I may have the honour of correcting him, by myself, for you have sufficiently chastized him.”

Mr. Brampton, then made, for the second time, a very silly figure before lady Eleanor, and having obeyed the commands of Sir David, was dismissed with the same ignominious castigation, which he had received from the colonel.

The remainder of the day was spent in lively chat, and innocent mirth; but Sir David, on the next Morning received a letter from Scotland, which almost distracted him.

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B O O K I V.

THE letter, which Sir David received from Scotland, came from the worthy minister who had married him, in order to inform him, that Glenbucket, his steward, had made over his estate, by a forged conveyance, to his inveterate enemy, major Glenorchy, and had absconded with the money, which his villainy had acquired by it.

The cessation of lady Eleanor's pension, tho' it was a very agreeable addition

tion to the income arising from Sir David's estate, made no change in their style of living at Paris; but the contents of Mr. Drummond's letter, made a considerable retrenchment absolute necessary: with tears in his eyes, did he communicate those contents to lady Eleanor.

“ To what a melancholy condition, best
 “ of women,” said he, “ have you been
 “ reduced, by being attached to me :
 “ had you never known me, you might
 “ have been happy, happy in the duke's
 “ esteem, happy in the enjoyment of
 “ the smiles of fortune ! O my dear lady
 “ Eleanor,” continued he, “ O my
 “ poor children ; how my heart bleeds
 “ for ye all at this instant ; what shall I do
 “ for your comfortable support, which
 “ way shall I turn myself to procure a
 “ decent subsistence ? the man who
 “ wants

“wants friends, seldom finds any :
 “friends only are plenty, only swarm
 “around you, when their aid is not soli-
 “cited : in the trying hour of sollicita-
 “tion, their looks are no longer the
 “looks of kindness, their language is no
 “more the language of affection : they
 “avert their eyes from you, as if like a
 “bassilisk, you would fascinate them
 “with a glance.”—

“My amiable husband,” replied lady
 Eleanor, on his pausing, “do not be so
 “much dejected at this sudden alteration
 “in your circumstances, nor give your-
 “self up to such gloomy thoughts upon
 “the emptiness of friendship. Our af-
 “fairs are not yet desperate, thank
 “H—n! There is money enough
 “left out of the last payment of *my* pen-
 “sion

“ sion, and out of your last remittance
 “ from Scotland, to make a stand against
 “ the world; for some time: but you
 “ will not, I hope, think me too proud,
 “ when I tell you, that I shall be hurt
 “ by lessening my appearance in a place,
 “ where nothing *but* appearance is
 “ studied.”

“ To stay in no place, my dearest
 “ life, shall I ever desire you, against
 “ your inclination:—and our departure
 “ from this place, will be highly proper
 “ on many accounts.—To remain inac-
 “ tive, when such a scene of villany has
 “ been transacted against me, would be
 “ reproachable in the greatest degree;
 “ and I should indeed, deserve to lose
 “ the estate, which has been wrested
 “ from me by violence; if I took no
 “ measure

“ measures to recover it ; but as the re-
 “ covery of it is not to be expected, un-
 “ less I can prove the illegality of the
 “ conveyance of it, to the major, by the
 “ iniquity of my steward ; and as all the
 “ sums, which I am possessed of, will be
 “ I am sure, insufficient for the support
 “ of a law-suit, without which that ille-
 “ gality can never be proved ; I must,
 “ tho’ I have so little faith in friendship,
 “ prompted by prudence, try whether
 “ those, who have professed to be my
 “ friends, will, on the exposure of my
 “ wants, supply them, or by a profusion of
 “ courtly excuses, confirm me in my noti-
 “ ons, concerning the insincerity of man-
 “ kind. Let us therefore, make immedi-
 “ ate preparations for our return to Scot-
 “ land ; when they are finished, I will open
 “ the true situation of my affairs to the few
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“ friends of mine here, and then, what-
 “ ever is the result of that discove-
 “ ry, we will set off without delay :
 “ if they do not flinch in the trial, we
 “ shall set off with the more flattering
 “ prospects; if they *do*, we shall not be
 “ sorry to leave them.”

Lady Eleanor, being very well pleas-
 ed with Sir David's intentions, prepara-
 tions were made with the utmost dis-
 patch: Mrs. Elphinstone, only, was
 acquainted with their proposed return to
 Scotland, and the occasion of it; who,
 tho' she grieved that their embarrassed
 affairs, rendered so speedy a departure
 necessary, was glad to accompany them,
 as she very much longed to see a husband
 whom she loved with uncommon affec-
 tion.

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When every thing was ready for their setting off, Sir David made visits, to several gentlemen of fortune, with whom he had been upon an intimate footing, and whom he had frequently entertained at his house, in order to lay open the true state of his affairs to them; hoping, by so doing, to make them warmly interested in his favour.—They all expressed the greatest concern, for the injury which he had sustained; but all pleaded their inability, to furnish him with the sums which he wanted.

His visit to Sir Archibald, he reserved for the last; being willing to flatter himself, that he should not be disappointed in his expectations, from a man, from whom he had received many proofs of a friendly disposition towards him.—He had indeed

found Sir Archibald, very serviceable to him on many occasions; but he had never made an attack, upon his pocket.

Sir Archibald was very friendly with his pen, and his tongue, no body more so: and he certainly, by writing and speaking, did a great deal of good; for he was a sensible shrewd man, and also a respectable character; but he was very loth to part with his money.—When Sir David, therefore, waited on him, to unbosom himself, he heard him relate his distresses patiently, and then, squeezing him heartily by the hand; said, “ My dear
 “ Sir David, I have listened to your
 “ affecting narrative, with no small at-
 “ tention; ’tis a very affecting one, and
 “ I really think that your steward de-
 “ serves

“ serves to be crucified:—I have, you
 “ know, been always ready to do all
 “ the little services for you, in my pow-
 “ er; and will now with real pleasure,
 “ lend you what assistance I can.”

Sir David, having received mortifying
 refusals at his former visits, felt himself
 so elevated by the readiness which Sir
 Archibald expressed, to assist him, at so
 critical a time, that he poured out his
 acknowledgments to him in a copious
 stream; assured him, “ That he should ever
 “ remember the civilities for which he
 “ was indebted to him, with gratitude and
 “ satisfaction;” and added, “ that what
 “ ever sum he chose to advance towards
 “ carrying on the prosecution against Gle-
 “ norchy, should be returned, with am-
 “ ple interest, when he recovered his

“ estate, not doubting ; but that he
 “ should be able to prove the illegality
 “ of the conveyance, when his cause was
 “ brought to a fair trial.”

With a harder squeeze, but without
 any alteration in his countenance, Sir
 Archibald replied, “ Why, Sir David,
 “ as I have a great friendship for you, I
 “ will tell you the truth ; I lend money
 “ to no man : I would not lend money,
 “ to my own Brother, tho’ I would sup-
 “ port him if he was in a state of indi-
 “ gence.—But I will speak to all my
 “ friends here, in your behalf, and write
 “ to all those who are at a distance, so
 “ that we shall, I hope, raise a sum a-
 “ mong us, sufficient to enable you to
 “ carry your point.”

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Sir David was so much shocked to find himself deceived in his opinion concerning Sir Archibald's friendship for him, that he could hardly utter an answer, to his frigid speech: he mustered up resolution enough, however, to tell him, "That his best endeavours to serve him, would be entitled to his best thanks," and then left him, extremely hurt by his disappointment.

The dejection which appeared in his countenance, when he returned to lady Eleanor, fully convinced that amiable woman, and excellent wife; that he had been an unsuccessful solicitor: but as she had always looked upon Sir Archibald in a different light, from the common professors of friendship, who are impertinently officious in offering their

assistance to those who do not stand in
 need of their services, she was willing to
 suppose, that he had not met with *him* in
 his rounds.—Finding, upon enquiry
 that Sir Archibald was as loth to part
 with his money, as the rest whom he
 had solicited; she fell back in her chair,
 burst into tears, and said, “ We are
 “ then doomed to be unfortunate.—Sir
 “ Archibald’s unkindness, is a blow in-
 “ deed, which I did not expect.”—But
 recollecting herself, immediately, “ Let
 “ me not, however,” continued she,
 “ too hastily condemn him; for he acted
 “ a most friendly part, in prevailing on
 “ the duke to approve of our marriage,
 “ and the subsequent change in my bro-
 “ ther’s disposition, by the base arts of
 “ our enemies, ought not to cancel our
 “ obligations to Sir Archibald.”

“ Disappointed

“ Disappointed as I am, my dear
 “ lady Eleanor,” said Sir David, “ I
 “ am ready to acknowledge my obliga-
 “ tions to Sir Archibald ; who, on re-
 “ flection, may perhaps, be very ser-
 “ viceable to me in his own way, that
 “ is, without advancing any money : by
 “ whatever means he succours us, we
 “ shall certainly be equally obliged to
 “ him ; and I hope that all-powerful
 “ Heaven, who knows our innocence,
 “ and our integrity will blast the designs
 “ of those, who rejoice in having plan-
 “ ned our ruin.”

“ I hope so too, my dear,” said lady
 Eleanor, “ and am thoroughly satisfied
 “ that if we preserve our innocence, and
 “ integrity ; we shall certainly be reward-
 “ ed either in this world, or a better.”

Sir

Sir David, charmed with the piety, as well as justness of her sentiments, tenderly embraced her; and told her with tears of fondness in his eyes, that while he was blessed with so exemplary a wife, the world could not make him completely wretched.—

Lady Eleanor, before she left Paris, wrote a letter to Mrs. Weddeburn, at the *Spa*, to acquaint her with the cause of her departure from that city, sooner than she intended; and concluded, with hoping, that they should have a happy meeting, in their native country.

Nothing remarkable happened to Sir David, and his companions before their embarkation at Calais; but before their arrival in England, they had sufficient
reason

reason to wish themselves, safely disembarked : for when they were about half over, a furious storm, not only drove the vessel, far wide off the port, to which they were bound ; but made all those who were concerned in the navigation of it, apprehensive that they should never set their feet upon land again.—

While the tempest raged, while the waves rose mountains high, and while a wreck, seemed inevitable ; lady Eleanor betrayed no signs of fear, or of uneasiness on her own account ; but she felt severely for her husband, her children, and her friend.

Sir David, tho' not apt to be sick at sea, and tho' he had made several voyages in rough weather, without being
afflicted

afflicted by them, was so much disordered by the violent agitation of the ship violent to a degree not to be described, that he was deemed to be in a dangerous condition.—By his alarming illness, by Mrs. Elphinstone's distracting fears, and by the piercing cries of her poor children, who had never before been in so convulsed a situation; lady Eleanor was affected in such a manner, that her own health became considerably injured.

But in the midst of all her corporeal pain, and mental anguish, her trust in providence remained unabated, and prevented her from sinking under the pressure of her woes.

When they had been dreadfully tossed about, near eight and forty hours, the storm

storm subsided; but a brisk gale, driving them towards the western coast, they thought themselves very happy, in being landed safely at Portsmouth; tho' with only as many valuables, consisting of jewels, notes, and money, as they could carry in their pockets, their baggage having been thrown over-board to lighten the ship.

At Portsmouth, the continuation of Sir David's indisposition, obliged him to remain so long, that the diminution of his little finances, arising, from his family and physical expences, began to alarm him; and to render him very uneasy: but he was the more alarmed, and the more uneasy; because he plainly perceived that lady Eleanor's health declined every day, and that the ill state of

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his health, together with the untoward situation of their affairs, almost overpowered her spirits, tho' she strove to keep them up before *him*. The many tender, and conjugally affectionate scenes, which passed between them, till they were well enough to undertake their long journey; would shake the most obdurate heart, and draw tears from the marble eyes of insensibility.

When they had been at Portsmouth about six weeks, finding themselves both so far recovered as to be able to travel; Sir David, and lady Eleanor, with their children; Mrs. Elphinstone, and her servant; and only three servants, two maids, and a man, having reduced the number of their domestics, upon the receipt of Mr. Drummond's letter; set out to-

wards

wards the north, and arrived in a few days, by easy journies, at York; without meeting with any personal disaster, upon the road; but unfortunately, when the seat of the coach was searched, for the box, which lady Eleanor had purchased a short time before her departure from Portsmouth, (for the conveyance of the jewels, and the few remaining notes, and other things which she did not care to lose; and which, would, she thought, be safer out of her pockets, as they might be rifled by needy highwaymen) in no part of it did it appear.

It was in the dusk of an evening, in autumn, when they arrived at York. Lady Eleanor, had with her own hands, put the box into the seat, in the morning, and was therefore the more surpris'd, at the loss

loss of it : and the coach had only been vacated while they were at dinner. The coachman was roundly interrogated upon the occasion, but no account of it could be extracted from him ; he was indeed violently suspected, from the pert furliness of his behaviour, either at having committed the robbery himself, or, of having connived at the commission of it, while they were at dinner : but, as no witnesses could be produced, to confront him ; they could not hope to receive any satisfaction, by bringing a formal accusation against him : he had not been charged, with the care of the box ; lady Eleanor had undertaken the care of it herself ; he was really, therefore, not answerable for the appearance of it. Sir David, however threatened the fellow severely, when he found, that fair words had no effect upon

upon him; but he was equally unmoved, by menaces and mild speeches, and persisted in declaring that he knew nothing of the matter.

Obliged, therefore, to give up the box, Sir David left the inn, at which they had alighted, in order to see whether, he could have apartments sufficient for his family, and his fellow traveller; at the house, in which he had been very agreeably accommodated; when he waited for lady Eleanor's arrival from Scotland. He was happy to find that Mrs. Twisdale, had room for himself, and family; and was only sorry that Mrs. Elphinstone, could not also be lodged with them: but as Mrs. Twisdale told him, that a neighbour of her's, had a bed-chamber and parlour, unoccupied,

he returned to the inn, not a little pleased, with the thoughts of lodging his amiable friend, so near his amiable wife; as the latter, received great consolation, in the midst of her distresses, from the chearful society, and little friendly assiduities of the former.

Sir David, was induced to stop at York; because, upon calculating the expences, with which the remainder of his journey would be certainly attended, he found himself not in a condition to defray them; and because, he thought it more prudent to stay with his old landlady, till he had received answers to the letters, which he intended to write to Scotland; of whose readiness to give him credit, he was pretty well assured; if he should be reduced to the last gui-

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nea: then to run the risque of being embarrassed, in a place where he was totally unknown, and where he could not reasonably expect to be supplied with a reinforcement.

With these reflections rolling in his mind, he returned to the inn, to communicate the result of his visit to Mrs. Twisdale, to lady Eleanor and Mrs. Elphinstone, who were perfectly contented with it.

While they were all preparing to take possession of their new apartments, it will be necessary to acquaint my readers with what passed at Mrs. Twisdale's; because the principal persons in this history, met with new adventures in *her* house; too interesting to be omitted.

Mrs. Twisdale, tho' she received Sir David with her usual smirking civility, and expressed a great deal of joy at seeing him again, was not the woman with whom he lodged, before his expedition to France; for she was then, from a long acquaintance with him, so far attached to him, that she would have done any thing to serve him, in her sphere of life; and at his departure, loaded the air with wishes, for his happiness: but he now appeared to her in another light, and she was urged by motives, merely mercenary, to let her apartments to him.

During his residence at France, a niece of her's had been married to Glenbucket, his steward; and they were actually in the house, when he came to enquire

enquire for lodgings: but her nephew, having, before Sir David's arrival, intreated her to admit him without hesitation, if he called upon her, on his return to Scotland; for particular reasons: Mrs. Twisdale gladly informed him, that she had apartments at his service.

As soon as Sir David was gone out of the house, Mrs. Twisdale acquainted her nephew, with the transactions which had passed between them.—“Very well, my good aunt,” said he, “very well: my Betsy then, and I must decamp immediately.”

The aunt and the nephew, having then concerted, what measures to take; the latter removed with his wife, to a relation, who lived at no great distance.

When Sir David returned, with lady Eleanor and the children, Mrs. Twisdale was ready to over power the one with kindness, and to devour the other with kisses.—Sweet pretty babes,” cried she, alternately taking them in her arms. “ I never saw such charming little “ rogues—Ah ! blessings on them; “ they are your own, I’ll take my oath, “ for they are as like you both as ever “ they can stare.”

The blooming boys by their innocent smiles, seemed to be very well pleased with the *douceurs*, which were lavished upon them by Mrs. Twisdale; and their delighted parents, could not help feeling themselves most agreeably affected by her effusions, thrice happy in imagining

ning, that they were as sincere, as they were exuberant.

When they had been about ten days at their lodgings, Sir David received a letter from Mr. Drummond, and another from Mr. Elphinstone, which made both him and lady Eleanor, very desirous to pursue their journey to Scotland. Mr. Drummond's, first came to his hands, I shall in the first place give a copy of it.

To Sir David S——, Bart.

Edinburgh.

" I Am glad to find, good Sir David,
 " that you are got so far on your
 " return to this part of the world, and
 " hope that you will not think of making
 " a long stay at York ; because your
 H 4 " presence

“ presence here, will, I am apt to be-
 “ lieve, greatly contribute towards the
 “ restitution of your rights.—You are
 “ under no small obligations, let me tell
 “ you, to Sir Archibald Selkirk, for ha-
 “ ving sent letters to all his friends; who
 “ had it in their power to be serviceable
 “ to you; with many of whom I have
 “ the honour to be acquainted, and do
 “ assure you, that they are ready to sup-
 “ port you with their purses, and only
 “ wish for your appearance among them,
 “ that they may testify their regard for
 “ you, more substantially than by words;
 “ several of my particular friends, also
 “ have the same wishes for the same
 “ ends: so that, you will, I doubt not,
 “ if justice has not taken her flight from
 “ us, for ever, be able to procure an e-
 “ jestment against the major, who has
 “ made

" made a great many enemies, by his
 " iniquitous and most impudent pro-
 " ceedings.

" Your worthy friend, (and I may
 " venture to call him mine) Mr. El-
 " phinstone, called on me some time ago,
 " and made me very unhappy, by in-
 " forming me of the duke's amazing
 " weakness, in giving ear to the vile
 " insinuations, with regard to the con-
 " nections between you and good lady
 " Eleanor, and of his cruelty in cutting
 " off her pension; but to convince the
 " duke, that your connections were in
 " the highest degree honourable; I gave
 " Mr. Elphinstone a copy of the certi-
 " ficate of your marriage, and if he, af-
 " ter the perusal of it, remains bigotted
 " to the infamous tales of the blacken-
 " ing

“ing brood about him, he must be of
“a complexion uncommonly perverse.

" I am, good Sir David, with my
" best respects to lady Eleanor,

"Your ever faithful friend,

“ and humble fervant,

"ALEXANDER DRUMMOND."

“ P. S. I am glad that the little ones
“ thrive.—Pray make haste.—

Mr. Elphinstone's letter, contained the following lines.

To Sir David S—, Bart.

Dear Sir David, Edinburgh.

“ I Am heartily rejoiced to find that
“ you are so much nearer this city,
“ than I imagined you to be: I was just
“ making

“ making preparations to pay my re-
 “ spects to you at Paris, when your letter
 “ was delivered to me, and am not for-
 “ ry to lay them aside ; because we shall
 “ I hope, meet soon in the *old house* a-
 “ gain, and be as merry in it as ever we
 “ were in our lives.—Drummond is a
 “ good creature, you cannot conceive
 “ how much he was affected, when I told
 “ him, how injuriously you and lady
 “ Eleanor had been treated, in conse-
 “ quence of the duke’s astonishing cre-
 “ dulity.—He wept, and for some mo-
 “ ments, could not tell me the concern,
 “ which he felt, on your and lady Elea-
 “ nor’s account.—I could dwell longer
 “ with pleasure, on his humane behavi-
 “ our, by which the minister and man
 “ appeared to equal advantage, but I
 “ am

" am more inclined to communicate
 " more chearful tidings.

" After having received a copy of the
 " certificate of your marriage, which he
 " gave to me, with a thousand warm
 " wishes for the removal of all your
 " uneasinesses ; praying most fervently
 " that it might make a proper impressi-
 " on on the duke's mind, and render it
 " open to conviction ; I went boldly to
 " work for you, and presented myself
 " at the *Castle*.—As I was rather a new
 " object to the porter, who guarded the
 " gate, my errand was not suspected ;
 " and as I did not make a beggarly ap-
 " pearance, I was first admitted and af-
 " terwards announced,

" The

“ The duke received me like a stran-
 “ ger, but like a stranger who was en-
 “ titled to a polite reception ; and when
 “ he had desired me to be seated, beg-
 “ ged to be informed upon what occa-
 “ sion, he was honoured with a visit
 “ from a gentleman, whom he but just
 “ knew by sight.

“ As I am not fond of beating about
 “ the bush, I came to the point at
 “ once ; but in order to facilitate the
 “ admission of remorse into his heart, I
 “ threw out some pretty strong compli-
 “ ments to his humanity, generosity,
 “ and some other virtues which he ac-
 “ tually possesses ; tho’ he has been
 “ so shamefully duped by a pack of de-
 “ signing people, envious of your con-
 “ jugal felicity.

“ My

“ My compliments were not thrown
 “ away ; the duke bowed, smiled, and
 “ seemed to relish them prodigiously.—
 “ The business which is well begun, is,
 “ according to the antient adage, half
 “ done: I, therefore, tho’ I have not
 “ an implicit faith in all the pithy sen-
 “ tences of our fore-fathers, pleased
 “ myself with thinking, that as the ice
 “ was so happily broken, I should slide
 “ on successfully, to the point which I
 “ had in view.

“ I then informed him, that my er-
 “ rand was entirely to make a man with
 “ such amiable dispositions happy, by
 “ removing the unreasonable prejudices,
 “ which he had entertained against two
 “ people, who had done nothing to
 “ deserve his displeasure.—He started

“ a little ; but I went on, and told him
 “ that I was just arrived from Paris,
 “ where I had left lady Eleanor and
 “ you, very uneasy, and full of sur-
 “ prize, at the receipt of his last letter ;
 “ as ye had not merited his resent-
 “ ment.

“ Not merited my resentment,” cried
 he, “ hastily, are you then come, Sir,
 “ to defend their criminal connections
 “ with each other ?—

“ I replied with composure, that I
 “ was certainly come to defend your
 “ connections with each other, because
 “ I knew that they were *not* criminal.—I
 “ laid so great a stress upon the word
 “ *not*, that the duke started again, and
 “ asked

“ asked me by what authority I spoke
 “ with so much presumption.

“ I then told him that I was assured
 “ of your marriage, because I was pre-
 “ sent at the ceremony.

“ He looked, as if he questioned the
 “ truth of that assertion; but he look-
 “ ed also at the same, as if he thought,
 “ that I did not look like a man, that
 “ would advance a palpable falsehood
 “ with so much earnestness;—he was
 “ therefore, under an embarrassment,
 “ which I considered as a favourable
 “ circumstance, and followed my blow
 “ immediately, by producing the cer-
 “ tificate.

“ At

At the sight of that decisive paper,
 “ he appeared like a man who had been
 “ long attached, to a favourite mode of
 “ thinking ; and who is ashamed to own
 “ himself in the wrong : tho’ he feels
 “ that he has been nourishing a train of
 “ errors in his mind.

“ With pleasure, with pity I per-
 “ ceived his increasing embarrassment,
 “ and finding by his looks, that he con-
 “ demned himself, for having acted with
 “ so much heat and precipitation, in an
 “ affair which required the greatest can-
 “ dour and circumspection. I left him
 “ to ruminate, on the indisputable proof
 “ of your innocence, and your honour :
 “ I left him, in short, so much confound-
 “ ed at what he had heard and seen,
 “ that you and lady Eleanor will, I
 “ firmly

“ firmly believe, meet with a kind re-
 “ ception at the *Castle*, to which, you
 “ will, I hope make quick approaches.

“ Wishing most sincerely, that you
 “ may defeat all the malicious machina-
 “ tions of your enemies; be restored to
 “ the duke’s esteem; recover your estate,
 “ and live long in a state of uninterupt-
 “ ed happiness, I remain,

“ My dear Sir David,
 “ your, and lady Eleanor’s
 “ true friend and trusty humble
 “ servant,

“ JAMES ELPHINSTONE.”

“ P. S. Mr. Drummond gave me ex-
 “ treme pleasure, by telling me how
 “ strongly you will be supported against
 “ that villain Glenorchy.—I hope, that
 “ you

“ you will have the satisfaction to see
 “ both him and your faithless, infamous
 “ steward, Glenbucket, punished with
 “ the utmost severity.—I am quite
 “ charmed with the behaviour of Sir
 “ Archibald.—Set off, my dear friend,
 “ upon the receipt of this letter, and
 “ and travel to us in the most expediti-
 “ ous manner; for I and all your friends
 “ here, are impatient to behold you
 “ again.”

The perusal of the two letters from
 Edinburgh, administered no small con-
 solation to Sir David and lady Eleanor,
 under their uneasinesses; and filled their
 bosoms with fluttering hopes: Mrs. El-
 phinstone, received by the same post, a
 very affectionate epistle from her hus-
 band, which gave her true delight; as she

had long wished to hear from him ; and as she sincerely sympathised with her friends upon every occasion, the letters which were so animating to them, were not much less so to herself.

By the same post, also, Glenbucket received the following letter, from major Glenorchy.

To Mr. Donald Glenbucket, *at* Mrs. Twisdale's, in — street, York.

G —, near *Edinburgh*.

“ Dear Donald,

“ **I** Have just heard that Sir David
“ S —, is at York, on his re-
“ turn to Scotland, and you may be
“ sure that I am not pleased at such in-
“ telligence ; you must contrive some

“ means

“ means to prevent his journey hither;
 “ for his friends, and they are a formi-
 “ dable corps; are so determined to sup-
 “ port him against me: that if he makes
 “ his appearance here, I shall certainly
 “ be thrown out of the saddle — If the
 “ forgery is detected, we shall be in a
 “ cursed condition. — Set your wits there-
 “ fore, to work immediately, my dear
 “ Donald, to render the plots which are
 “ hatching against us, abortive, and be-
 “ lieve me to be your’s,

“ KENNET GLENORCHY.”

Mrs. Twisdale, who happened to take
 in all the above letters herself, thought
 herself in high luck, when she saw the
 superscription to the last; which she se-
 cretted directly: and soon afterwards
 delivered it to her nephew, with her own

hands, being afraid, that if she entrusted it to the care of any of *her* servants, those belonging to Sir David might possibly get a sight of it, and put their master into an alarmed situation.

Glenbucket, as soon as he had read the contents of the major's letter, thanked his aunt repeatedly, for her secrecy and dispatch; and after having remained for some time in a collected attitude, gave her instructions how to act upon the interesting occasion; "which would not," he said, "admit of any delay."

Flattered with the agreeable prospects which fancy presented to them; Sir David and lady Eleanor, made preparations with great pleasure, for their removal from York.

In the dead of that night, which they had intended for their last in that city, Sir David was suddenly awaked by a tapping at the chamber door, and imagining that Gregory was come to call him, according to the orders which he had received, pulled up the bolt, but was extremely surprized at the entrance of a couple of ill looking fellows; who told him in a very preremptory manner, that he must dress himself immediately, and go *along with them*; adding, that if he made any noise, they would blow his brains out.

Sir David, finding that they had it in their power to carry their threats into execution, deemed it more prudent to comply with their commands, than to enflame them by opposition: without disturbing

turbing lady Eleanor, therefore, who slept soundly by his side, he rose and huddled on his things; hoping by a submissive behaviour to those, who, appearing upon a nearer view to be bailiffs; had, he supposed, arrested him by mistake, to see her soon again: as he doubted not, but that he should be released, when they were undeceived — And he was the more inclined to be easy upon lady Eleanor's account; as the disturbers of his repose, behaved very civilly to him when they found him not refractory, and desired him not to *spoil the gentlewoman's nap.*

In about an hour after the seizure of Sir David, lady Eleanor awaked; but how shall I describe the situation of her mind, when turning, to look fondly at her

her dear companion, and to breathe a fervent prayer to heaven for his safety, she only saw his pillow.—Starting from her own, she threw open the curtain, in a hurry; and not beholding him in any part of the room, rang the bell furiously to know what had occasioned so extraordinary an event. She rang several times, but to no purpose; not a creature stirred to give her any information.

Unable to bear the torture of suspense, she rose, hurried by a thousand tender fears, went directly to the garret in which her maids slept, and thundered at the door, as if she would break it to pieces: but all her knocking was ineffectual; at length, when she had been employed near a quarter of an hour, Gregory made his appearance half asleep, and cried in
a tremulous

a tremulous tone—"H—n's, madam!
 "what's the matter?"

"Where is your master, Gregory?"
 said she, looking wildly and speaking
 eagerly.

Gregory, not being able to give a satisfactory answer, "He has been carried
 "off then, by villains," continued she,
 bursting into tears, "and I shall never
 "see him again."

When she had uttered that speech;
 which tho' short, strongly expressed the
 anguish of her soul; she descended the
 stairs, having sent Gregory before her to
 examine every part of the house, below;
 from a sudden conjecture, that his master
 might have been taken so ill, as to
 be

be rendered incapable of returning to his room.

Just as she arrived at the second floor; Mrs. Twisdale opened the door of her chamber, and with wondering accents begged to know what had brought her ladyship there in the middle of the night.

“ Oh, madam,” said lady Eleanor,
 “ I cannot find Sir David ; I have sent
 “ my man to examine the lower part of
 “ the house; and if he is not there, some
 “ of his enemies have certainly convey-
 “ ed him from my fond arms, and have
 “ formed perhaps, cruel designs against
 “ his precious life.—That thought is
 “ madness.”

Lady

Lady Eleanor, if she had not been so engrossed by her reflections upon Sir David's fate, would have drawn no favourable conclusions, from the appearance of Mrs. Twisdale; who had all the cloaths on with which she retired to her chamber: she had not indeed, made the least alteration in her dress; which no alteration, will be accounted for hereafter.

“ You amaze me, madam,” replied Mrs. Twisdale, with an astonished aspect,
 “ how could they get in; for I am sure
 “ the doors were all locked, bolted and
 “ barred, when I came up stairs: I al-
 “ ways see that every thing is safe with
 “ my own eyes; and I wonder how they
 “ could get in, without my hearing
 “ them; for I have pretty quick ears.”

’Tis

'Tis hard to say, how long Mrs. Twisdale would have run on; if the return of Gregory, had not taken off lady Eleanor's attention from her.

"Well, Gregory?"

"My master is no where below, madam."

"Oh! Mrs. Twisdale, then he is certainly in the hands of his enemies, and I am the most wretched woman in the world."

(Having thus said; she went back to her chamber; flung herself into an armed chair which stood by the bed-side, and sat quite stupified by her severe sorrow, and totally at a loss to know what measures to take for the discovery of those who

who had dragged away her amiable husband from her.

While she sat plunged in thought, but thinking to no end; sounds from an adjoining room, roused all the *mother* in her breast, and doubled the misery of the *wife*: instantly recollecting that her sweet children slept there, she moved towards it, and found them both awake; sitting down upon the bed, she hung over them full of maternal affection, kissed them alternately, and bathed their little faces with her tears.—By turns they circled her neck, as if they could grow to it; crying out, “Oh! dear mama, mama; where’s papa?—where’s papa.”

Melted by their winning endearments, the ardent repetition of the word, mama,

shot

shot thrilling transports into her tender bosom; but their enquiries after their papa, pulled her back to a strong sense of her affliction, the anguish which those endearments had numbed.

The complicated sensations, which she then felt, were so very painful, that her intellects were almost unhinged by them.

Sorrowing in the most touching manner, over her lovely children, lady Eleanor's maid-servants, whom she could not wake with all the noise which she had made, found her; and were so much affected at the melancholy sight, that they could not refrain from tears.

Good

“ Good girls,” said she, turning towards them, as they approached her, “ to be so interested in my sufferings. I am now supremely wretched.—

Fearing that she would really be deprived of her senses, from what she afterwards added, if she remained with her children, they endeavoured to turn her attention from them, by persuading her to question Mrs. Twissdale very closely concerning the adventure of the night; telling her, they had some reason to imagine that she was privy to the transaction of it; as they had observed her to be in a violent agitation, during the whole evening, and to be full of anxiety; as if something of consequence lay upon her mind.—To strengthen their suspicions, they informed her of the observations which

which Gregory had made, upon the appearance of things below, and upon Mrs. Twisdale's dress.

The mention of Mrs. Twisdale's dress, determined lady Eleanor; who now recollected that she did not appear like a woman who had been disturbed in the middle of the night: nor talk like as a woman naturally would, on the irruption of ruffians into her house, to put many home interrogatories to her.

Lady Eleanor's maids, might well imagine from the behaviour of Mrs. Twisdale, preceding the seizure of their master, that her mind was not perfectly at ease; but they could not, as they were not endued with the sagacity of super-natural beings, develop the cause

of it; like human beings, in *their* situation, they attributed the restlessness and anxiety which they perceived in her, to disagreeable occurrences of a private nature; they went to bed, therefore, without suspecting that she was, in those moments of perplexity, scheming the separation of as conjugally-happy a pair as Hymen ever joined together.

The truth is, Mrs. Twisdale having in compliance with the instructions given to her, by her nephew, promised to admit the persons whom he had employed for the removal of Sir David, to other apartments; went up to her chamber at the usual hour, but returned to her parlour, when she imagined that the rest of the family were asleep; in order to wait for the signal of admission; in
which

which she remained when she had admitted them, 'till they had done their business, by carrying away their prisoner.—She then locked, bolted and barred the door after them; and proceeded again to her chamber; but being there troubled with the reproaches of a guilty conscience, and afraid that her iniquitous design should be discovered, she sat, without changing her dress, till lady Eleanor began to stir; her apprehensions then increased with the noise which she made to wake her servants, lest the pains which she had taken, to render them uncommonly drowsy should prove ineffectual: (she had secured the stillness of her own, by an application to their pockets, instead of their heads.)—With no small emotion, she heard the ringing; and when lady Eleanor went up

herself to the garret, grew more and more uneasy : but she was almost terrified to death, when she heard the voice of Gregory, whose evening draught she had not made sufficiently soporific.— She was confused, she was uncertain, how to act ; thinking, however, in the hurry of her ideas, that by appearing to have been alarmed upon her ladyship's account ; and by expressing her astonishment at seeing her at that time of the night ; she should not be in the least suspected by her ; she opened her door, when she heard her descend the garret stairs, and behaved in the manner above-mentioned.

Mrs. Twisdale, in short, behaved upon the occasion, like a woman who was not naturally of a bad disposition, but
 who

who had been drawn from the paths of rectitude, by the superior address of those about her; with whom she was closely connected.—She was indeed, not equal to the task which her nephew had imposed upon her; had she been thoroughly mistress of the business, which she had undertaken, she would have contrived to exhibit marks of violence upon the windows, or doors below; in order to favour the first suspicion of lady Eleanor's, with regard to the irruption of house-breakers; but by her extreme care to see every thing safe after the departure of Sir David; she confirmed the subsequent conjectures, which her servants had infused into her mind.

When Nelly told Mrs. Twisdale, that her lady would be glad to speak with

her, she looked as if she was ready to sink to the floor; because she felt that she been concerned in a criminal action: but as she could not, she thought, refuse to obey the summons, without causing suspicions to her disadvantage; she replied, that she would wait upon her ladyship immediately.

When Mrs. Twisdale entered the room, in which lady Eleanor waited for her; she came up curtsying and crying, and told her, how sadly she was grieved for what had happened in her house: “ But to be sure, my lady, the rogues
 “ must have broke in at the top of the
 “ house, or got down the chimney; for
 “ I vow and protest, as I am a living
 “ woman, that I saw every thing safe
 “ when I went to bed.”

“ Went

“Went to bed,” replied lady Eleanor, looking sternly at her, “did you
 “then sleep in your cloaths? for you
 “were as much dressed when you came
 “out of your chamber in the night, as
 “you was when I retired to mine for the
 “evening.”

For such a speech, Mrs. Twisdale was totally unprepared; and she was so much shocked at the stern delivery of it, that she hardly knew what to say: endeavouring, however, to rectify the mistake which she had committed; she pleaded illness, which gave her so much pain, that she “had not heart to undress herself.”

But that answer was of very little service to her; for lady Eleanor directly

replied, " If, then, you was under a
 " necessity of sitting up in your chamber,
 " too much indisposed, even to undress
 " yourself; it is wonderful, I think,
 " that you did not alarm the house
 " when the ruffians had found their
 " way into it; for surely, you must
 " have heard them, as their principal
 " business, was transacted so near you.
 " Besides, it is not likely that they came
 " into the house by force, as my ser-
 " vant examined the windows and doors
 " below, and saw them guarded with all
 " their fastenings; it is more probable
 " that they were admitted by somebody
 " within. Have you no reason to sus-
 " pect the fidelity of your maids; mine
 " were certainly not necessary to the re-
 " ception of them, as they were unmo-
 " ved

“ ved by all the noise which I made at
 “ their ears.”

Mrs. Twisdale, feeling herself strongly glanced at, by the *some body within*; was just going to fire at the imputation cast upon her character, in hopes of intimidating her; but the additional query, concerning the fidelity of her maids, gave a sudden turn to her thoughts, and prompted her to throw all the blame upon them.—She therefore, told lady Eleanor, with a brightened countenance, that she should “ Rattle them
 “ soundly, and send them packing immediately.”

Lady Eleanor could hardly refrain from smiling, tho’ she was never in a less smiling humour, at Mrs. Twisdale’s eagerness

eagerness, to rattle her maids soundly; but conjecturing from her eagerness to send them packing, that she was going to discharge them lest they should, if called upon, divulge secrets to her dishonour, she desired her not to hurry her spirits about them.—“ I will examine “ them myself, Mrs. Twisdale,” continued she coolly, “ It would be cruel to “ dismiss them from your service, if “ they have had no share in the extraordinary transactions of the night.” She then touched the bell, and ordered Nelly to tell Mrs. Twisdale’s servants, that she desired to see them.

While Nelly was gone with her message, Mrs. Twisdale made several frivolous excuses to leave the room; but lady Eleanor intreated her with the
greatest

greatest politeness to sit still.—“ If you
 “ are so restless,” said she, “ because I
 “ have sent for your servants; you will
 “ make me believe, that you was your-
 “ self concerned in the admission of
 “ these vile wretches who carried off my
 “ dear husband.”—

Mrs. Twisdale, as she could not after
 the conclusion of that speech, discover
 any inclination to stir, without pleading
 guilty to the covered charge against
 her, sat in her chair without attempt-
 ing to quit it; but sat in it, as if she was
 pierced with a thousand thorns.

While they were sitting with very
 different sensations, Peggy, who offici-
 ated as nurse to the children, entered
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the room, and delivered a note into her lady's hands.

Lady Eleanor, perceived by the superscription, that it came from Sir David, kissed it with an extasy, and thanked heaven, upon her knees, for having preserved his valuable life. She then opened it, and read the following lines.

My dearest love,

“ I Am in a place of confinement,
 “ but am not ill-used; I am permitted to see you, and I long to see you, because I do not chuse to write what I wish to say.—The bearer will conduct you to the fond arms of,

“ Your ever faithful husband,

D. S.—

Lady

Lady Eleanor was so rejoiced at the perusal of the few lines from her dear Sir David, when she was pained by the most horrid apprehensions about him, that without even staying to embrace her children, she tied on her hat and cloak, and followed the person who brought the note; without even enquiring where her husband was confined.

As soon as lady Eleanor was gone out of the house, Mrs Twisdale received a letter from one of her own servants, which had been brought by the messenger, to whose care her ladyship had committed herself.—The hand writing of her nephew, made her very curious to see the contents of it, and she instantaneously gratified her curiosity by breaking the wax.

My

M——Street.

“ *My dear Aunt,*

“ **T**HANKS to your clever management, Sir David is in my power ; I have arrested him for a sum which I really lent him, but which I have paid to myself with interest, in order to justify my detention of his person, and as I know that the safety of mine depends, in a great measure on his concealment ; it will be worth my while to subsist him with the decent necessaries of life, locked up from the world, and out of the reach of his friends. As Walker is entirely in my interest, I shall be quite easy about the secret confinement of his prisoner ; and as I have no designs against his life, he will have only the loss of liberty to regret:

“ for

" for as to his property, I have taken
 " care of that.-- As it is necessary, how-
 " ever, for the completion of my plan,
 " that lady Eleanor and the children,
 " should also be in a state of separation,
 " I have secured the retreat of the for-
 " mer, from the world, at Mrs. Fergu-
 " son's who will effectually reduce her
 " ladyship to order, if she should prove
 " untractable. Decoyed by a note
 " from Sir David, which he very rea-
 " dily wrote to her, on being told that
 " she would be permitted to see him, if
 " he invited her to come with the bearer
 " of it: she will in a few hours, I trust,
 " be lodged with the above mentioned
 " lady.---The children, now only re-
 " main to be disposed of; and I shall
 " be glad if you will bring them to me:
 " telling the servant who attends them,
 " that

“ that you are going with them to Mrs.
 “ Elphinstone’s, by which declaration,
 “ you will, I dare say, meet with no
 “ interruption to your egress with them.
 “ When you return, I will give you a
 “ power to seize all the furniture be-
 “ longing to Sir David, and to inform
 “ the servants, that they have no fur-
 “ ther business at *your* house, as their
 “ master is not in a situation to pay
 “ them their wages. You shall, howe-
 “ ver, be enabled by me, to pay them
 “ to the utmost of their demands, by
 “ doing which you will prevent them
 “ from being inquisitive about the truth
 “ of your intelligence.—Pray let me
 “ see you soon, my dear aunt, and be-
 “ lieve me to be your’s most affection-
 “ ately,

D—— G——.”

Mrs.

Mrs. Twisdale, pleased with thinking that she had not from a consciousness of being engaged in a criminal affair, made improper discoveries in the inquisition—Soon, proceeded to comply with her nephew's request, concerning the children; but while she was considering in what manner to convey them to her nephew; the appearance of Mrs. Elphinstone threw her into the utmost confusion: she was quite in a bewildered condition, and very much afraid that she would, on being informed of the removal of Sir David, and of the sudden departure of lady Eleanor, by their servants; who by their looks, evidently suspected some clandestine doings; take the little boys, home with her: what she feared, came to pass; for Mrs. Elphinstone, alarmed at the intelligence

which she heard, and dissatisfied with the answers which she received from Mrs. Twisdale, imagined that some of Sir David's enemies had artfully prevailed on her to favour their designs, both against him and lady Eleanor; and that the children, would be no longer safe in her house: she therefore, desired Nelly and Peggy to carry them to *her* apartments, intending to keep them there till she heard a more satisfactory account about her amiable friends; by the uneasiness, which Mrs. Twisdale could not conceal, at her determination, concerning the children; she was the more convinced, that she had been acting a dishonourable, a detestable part, and was consequently the more solicitous to take them under her own protection.—Having sent away the pretty twins, with their

their maids, she remained behind, to give Gregory some useful hints, for the regulation of his behaviour; and to make him sensible how necessary it was for him to watch the motions of Mrs. Twissdale, with the greatest vigilance; she followed them.

Lady Eleanor, animated with the hopes of seeing her dear Sir David, walked after her guide with pleasure, tho' she could not help sighing to think of the situation in which she expected to find him; with pleasure she walked till they were at a distance from the city; but she then began to walk with fear; totally ignorant of the place of Sir David's confinement, as he had not mentioned it in his letter, and unable to procure the information which she wanted, as her

guide would not give an explicit answer, when she desired him to tell her whither she was going ; her fears were increased : “ We shall soon be there ;” that was all that she could get out of him, with all her importunity.

After having been carried thro’ many bye lanes, and over many cramp stiles, much frightened as well as fatigued, as her conductor was an ill featured fellow ; a large old fashioned building appeared in view ; at the sight of which she was somewhat comforted ; because, he cried immediately, “ There, that’s the house.”

When they came up to the outer gate, he applied his hand to the bell, with no small violence ; and on its being opened, having

having said to the person who appeared,
 “ This is the gentlewoman my master
 “ ordered to come here,” instantly van-
 ished.

From the odd behaviour of her guide,
 during the whole walk; and from his
 sudden disappearance, after so abrupt a
 speech; lady Eleanor was in a conster-
 nation not easily to be described.

The house, at which lady Eleanor was
 left in so extraordinary a manner, tho’ it
 struck the eye with a kind of gloomy
 grandeur, had not the least air of a pri-
 son: it rather looked like a dwelling
 dedicated to festivity; for she saw seve-
 ral persons moving about in different
 apartments with joyous faces; and heard
 a number of voices tuned in a mirthful

key : but she was extremely surpris'd to see only female figures, and to hear only female tones. Except the porter who opened the gate ; not a man was to be seen.

When the porter had clos'd the gate, after her entrance into the square before the house ; he rang another bell ; the sound of which, brought an antiquated female, very much resembling an old gipsy ; who seem'd to be almost of the same age with the edifice from which she crawled. By her, she was conducted, in profound silence to the hall-door ; at which stood a venerable matron, not disagreeable in her person ; decently and not ungenteelly dressed.

Mrs

Mrs. Ferguson, that was the matron's name; on the approach of lady Eleanor, took hold of her hand, and with a smile upon her countenance, but without speaking a word, led her into a large old fashioned parlour; there she welcomed her with a friendly embrace, and told her that every thing should be done at her house to render it an agreeable habitation to her.—

Lady Eleanor, could not tell what to make of the aspect of things; but after having thanked the matron for her kind assurances, intreated her to carry her directly to Sir David S——.

“ Sir David S——, madam,” replied Mrs. Ferguson, “ is not far off; but I

“ am ordered to permit no woman to
 “ see him, except his wife.”

“ Then, madam,” said lady Eleanor,
 “ you may without any hesitation, per-
 “ mit *me* to see him, for *I* am his wife.”

Mrs. Ferguson, pressing her gently
 by the hand, and said, “ No, my dear,
 “ madam, you must not think of passing
 “ for his wife, here ; lady Eleanor, is
 “ quite a different sort of woman.”

Lady Eleanor, feeling her blood rise,
 at having her identity questioned, when
 she had declared herself to be the wife of
 Sir David S——— ; replied, with some
 warmth, “ that she never had her vera-
 “ city disputed before.”

Mrs.

Mrs. Ferguson, not in the least moved by the warmth of lady Eleanor's reply, made no answer to it; but ordered a servant, who stood in a corner of the room, like a Turkish mute; to attend the lady to the black-chamber.

Lady Eleanor, growing still more inflamed at the mortifying coolness of Mrs. Ferguson's behaviour; and the strange orders which she issued concerning her; told her, with a spirited accent, that she had not been accustomed to such treatment, "Since you are determined, madam," continued she, "not to believe that I am the wife of Sir David S—, I will, in a short time, produce proofs, too strong to be controverted."

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Having thus said, she averted her eyes from Mrs. Ferguson, full of resentment, and walked towards the door.

“ Stay, madam,” said Mrs. Ferguson, “ whither are you going ?”

“ To procure the proofs which I promised,” replied she, turning briskly, and then proceeded with hastened steps.

She arrived at the door, but she could not go an inch farther; for it was fastened as soon as she entered the room.

“ Good h——n’s, madam,” cried lady Eleanor, “ am I a prisoner ; what is the meaning of all this ? where am I, who are you ; by what authority do you act in this tyrannical manner ?”

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To these queries, Mrs. Ferguson only replied; that if she did not go to the black chamber, without making any opposition, she must be carried thither by force, and remain there, till she was in a more tractable humour.—“ You shall be treated,” added she, “ in the kindest manner, if you are not refractory; but “ if you are, you must expect the discipline of the house, which every body “ under my care is obliged to feel, if it “ is wanted.”—

Lady Eleanor, was no longer at a loss to know into what hands she had fallen: she was no longer at a loss to know, that she was in the power of the mistress of a mad-house; and that she was, therefore, in a condition deeply to be deplored: a condition, which plunged her into despair

pair, because she could not flatter herself with the faintest hopes of being relieved from it.

Finding herself so situated, and being well assured, that resistance would but render her situation less supportable, she resolved to submit to the commands which she could not oppose; and to endeavour by a ready compliance with them, to deserve the kind treatment which Mrs. Ferguson promised.

Urged by such prudential motives; she accompanied the servant, to whose care she was committed, to the black-chamber, a chamber with great propriety distinguished by that epithet; for its whole appearance was mournful, and every part of it was calculated to excite melancholy

choly ideas. The useful furniture was all of the most dingy hue, and the ornamental the dismallest to be conceived.—The room was large, and there was only a little window in it, so extremely gothic, that the light which it admitted, might rather have been called “darkness visible,” than an emanation from the sun.

Neither the room itself, however, nor its funeral furniture, would have shocked lady Eleanor, tho’ she was strongly disgusted at them both, if she had not seen several of her fellow creatures, of her own sex; some standing with their eyes fixed to the cieling, some with their arms folded, gazing upon the floor; some sitting with their elbows upon their knees, supporting their heads: others lying upon the boards

boards, resting their heads on their half-raised hands ; all motionless ; all mute—

So horrid a sight, chilled her blood ; she started back and intreated the servant to conduct her into another room.—
 “ Carry me into any other,” said lady Eleanor, “ for this I cannot bear.”

She wished to be removed from a room which made her so miserable ; but little thought, when she wished for that removal, that she *could* be carried to another, which would make her more so.

The servant, having been previously tutored by her mistress, carried lady Eleanor through a long gallery to another room ; upon the opening the door of which, half a dozen women, the majority of them

them in the prime of life, flew to her; and behaved in so frantic a manner, that she was totally disconcerted; the sudden transition from the most pity-moving silence, to the most compassionate loquacity, was too violent to be endured:— Again, she desired to be removed, as the wild mirth of the new objects presented to her, only increased that heaviness of heart, which those whom she had just quitted, had occasioned; and again the servant complied with her request.

Crossing the breadth of the house, through another long gallery, she was conducted to a third apartment; in which she was more severely shocked than she had yet been, by what she beheld; for as soon as she entered the room, her ears were pierced with the dreadful
 shrieks

shrieks of a number of poor wretches, smarting under the rigid discipline of their keepers, who seemed, in the exertion of their power over them; to be entirely divested of humanity: the looks too, of the unfortunate lunatics, would have been sufficiently affecting; but their screams and their looks together, so greatly shocked lady Eleanor's sensibility, that she ran out of the room and stopped her ears, till she imagined that she was out of the hearing of the sounds which had so horribly assailed them.

In the middle of the gallery, she met Mrs. Ferguson, who finding by her aspect, and by the position of her hands; that she had been thoroughly shocked, at what she had seen and heard: accosted her with a placid countenance; and said,

said, " I hope, madam, you will not now
 " lay me under a necessity of treating
 " you with severity ; to which I never
 " have recourse, when I can possibly
 " avoid it." —

" O, madam," said lady Eleanor
 terrified at the thoughts of being placed
 upon a footing with these unhappy people,
 from whom she had hurried with so much
 precipitation ; " Use me but well ;
 " and you shall do with me what you
 " please."

Mrs. Ferguson, much delighted with
 lady Eleanor ; whom, at Glenbucket's
 desire, she had only endeavoured to in-
 timidate, by exhibiting the horrors of her
 house ; that she might not consider mere
 personal confinement, as an insupporta-

ble calamity : for the discovery of so pliant a disposition, told her in return ; that she should have no reason to complain of her situation under *her* roof.

Mrs. Ferguson did not falsify her words ; from that day, she behaved to lady Eleanor, with the greatest politeness, and tried to make her chearful, whenever the reflections, which frequently depressed her spirits, threw her into gloomy fits, and made her appear like the image of despondence.

Lady Eleanor, tho' she secretly pined, at being separated from her husband and her children ; quite in the dark, with regard to the situation of the former, and only faintly comforted, by hoping that her good friend Mrs. Elphinstone had taken

taken care of the latter, (from the fears which she entertained concerning the treachery of Mrs. Twisdale) appeared before Mrs. Ferguson, to be very well satisfied with her habitation; flattering herself by so doing, she should one day find an opportunity to recover her liberty.

While she was flattering herself, in that manner, and playing a part, most foreign to her heart; Sir David, remained at Mr. Walker's, (the person, whom Glenbucket mentioned in his letter to his aunt) equally uncertain about her, and about his children. He knew only from Mr. Walker's information, that he had been arrested by his steward, for a sum which he really had lent to him; but for which, he little thought of being

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called upon, after the vile transactions between him and major Glenorchy.

Mr. Walker, agreeably to Glenbucket's request, treated Sir David, with great complaisance; and told him, from day to day, that he should be furnished with every thing to make his confinement tolerable; till he could, by the help of his friends, by any means discharge the debt, for which he was committed to his custody: framing excuses also from day to day, for the non appearance of lady Eleanor; and expressing his surprize at the no-answers to the letters, which he wrote to Scotland; but which, indeed, never went out of the house.

Notwithstanding all the precautions, however, of Glenbucket and Walker, combined

combined, to keep the place of Sir David's confinement concealed from the knowledge of his friends; it was at last happily and accidentally discovered, in about three weeks, by Mrs Elplinstone. But previous to that lady's discovery, it will not be improper to relate what passed at Mrs. Twisdale's, when she had left the house, with the children and the two maids.

Mrs. Twisdale, finding herself disappointed, went, herself, directly to her nephew's, and acquainted him with the obstruction which she had met with to the execution of his wishes.—He bit his lips, and seemed to be in a violent agitation at the intelligence.—“ This is a
 “ d — d disagreeable event” said he, laying his clenched hand, for some moments

ments on his forehead, in a considering posture: “ I don’t like that Mrs. Elphinstone, she is a prying kind of woman, and will not rest till she blows us up; for by taking away the children, she certainly thinks, that you have been at the bottom of the business.—However, go home, my dear aunt, and discharge the servants, telling them, that their master and lady will never return to their old apartments, and I will send proper people to-morrow to make a formal seizure of the things belonging to your lodgers, that the affair may not have a bad look in the neighbourhood.”

Mrs. Twisdale returned, in order to fulfil her nephew’s desires; but was extremely surpris’d to find Sir David’s servants packing up the things belonging to
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the family, and Mrs. Elphinstone too, not inactive upon the occasion ; still more surprized was she, to hear Mrs. Elphinstone, order her, with a preremptory tone to let her know what Sir David owed her for lodging, and other incidental expences. She stared, she looked stupified, with her mouth open, but made no answer.—

“ Come, come, Mrs Twisdale,” said Mrs. Elphinstone, “ You need not put on
 “ that air of astonishment. I see through
 “ all your affectation, and, I desire you will
 “ produce your demands upon Sir David;
 “ for I will undertake to cancel all his
 “ debts contracted in this house ; from
 “ which, I shall see every thing to which
 “ my friends have a right, removed before I leave it.”

END OF THE SECOND VOLUME.